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Report Highlights:

On January 27, 2004, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Foods (SAGARPA) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Mexico's "Federal Register") modifications to NOM-012-ZOO-1993 on products to be used on animals or consumption by animals.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an official standard ("Norma Oficial") published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on January 27, 2004.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: On January 27, 2004, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Foods (SAGARPA) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Mexico's "Federal Register") modifications to the final standard for the specifications for the regulation of chemical, pharmaceutical, biological and food products for use in animals or consumption by animals. Based on a preliminary analysis, it appears that U.S. exports to Mexico will not be impeded by this rule. The objective of this official Mexican standard establishes the commercial classifications of the different types of the above mentioned products sold in the Mexican territory. It also establishes the specifications that these products must have, and the test methods to demonstrate compliance and the commercial information that their packaging must contain.

Title: Modifications to the final standard NOM-012-ZOO-1993. Specifications for the regulation of chemical, pharmaceutical, biological and food products for use in animals or consumption by animals.

Type of Rule: Final

Products affected: Chemical, pharmaceutical, biological and food products for use in animals or consumption by animals.

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: January 27, 2004

2. Effective Date: January 28, 2004

Modified information:

The domestic or foreign companies that manufacture chemical, pharmaceutical, biological or food products for animal consumption must verify that all the raw materials used in the elaboration of the products have a certificate of quality control issued by the manufacturer of the materials.

The manufacturers of chemical, pharmaceutical, biological or food products for animal consumption must keep a record of the elaboration of the products.

The cross-border companies (maquiladoras) that manufacture chemical, pharmaceutical, biological or food products for other companies, must keep records of the sales and distribution channels of their products for at least eight years. Any agreement for the manufacturing of animal feed for ruminants must state that the products do not contain ruminant proteins.

The Mexican companies that import raw materials that are not freely sold in the country of origin, have to request (prior to the importation) an authorization from SAGARPA. At the point of entry, the importers of these types of products must present the sanitary certificate

issued by the competent authority in the country of origin, the certificate of origin and the certificate of quality control of the products.

The imported products elaborated by cross-border companies (maquiladoras) must indicate in their labels "Made in" indicating the country of origin of the product and indicating the name and address of the company for which the product was manufactured, or elaborated for indicating the name and address of the company for which the product was manufactured.

The imported products that are not labeled from origin can be labeled after their importation and previous to their commercialization, according to the provisions contained in this NOM.

The manufacturing companies of chemical, pharmaceutical, biological and food products for animal use or consumption must obtain an annual report from an authorized veterinarian certifying that the company complies with the provisions contained in this NOM.

The chemical, pharmaceutical and biological products registered with SAGARPA, may only be imported by the registered importer.

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